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Recent Developments in the Social Sciences. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia. 1926, pages vii, 427. Price, \$3.50.

This is an extraordinary book in that it attempts to give in a single small volume (400 pages) a summary of recent developments in six of the various social sciences—Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Cultural Geography, and History. Surely it is a rather large order. In order to accomplish the purpose the writers must be conceded great freedom in condensation and in generalization of their material. No detailed treatment is possible.

Perhaps it is fair to say that only a specialist in these several fields could give a fair estimate of whether this generalized process has been carried out in an accurate and scholarly manner. Thus the present reviewer is not qualified to pass judgment on the content of the book. We notice, however, that the social sciences mentioned above of which the book treats are discussed by Professors Ellwood, Wissler, Gault, Sauer, Clark, Merriam, and Barnes. In their respective fields this is a distinguished group of men. The general reader can see that the treatment is readable, informative and apparently fair and scholarly in its development.

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